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GORDON PETERSON: An unusual public hearing getting underway at the CIA this evening. The hearing is by invitation only. The agency is planning to expand its Langley, Virginia headquarters and has invited residential neighbors in to discuss the proposal.

Bob Althage has the story.

BOB ALTHAGE: The meeting was organized after people who live near the CIA began voicing concerns over the expansion. Their biggest worry is traffic. Unless some major changes are made to roads around the McLean facility, residents believe congestion will be intolerable.

Although some people are opposed to the \$190 million expansion altogether, many simply want to be let in on the decision.

WOMAN: I, basically, want to go along with what's best for my government. If the CIA feels they need to consolidate on-site, then I support that. But I do not feel that my own concerns about safety, congestion, ease of getting in and out of this neighborhood, are necessarily incompatible with the goals of the CIA.

ALTHAGE: Right now the thousands of CIA employees are scattered in more than 30 locations around the area. Expanding the Langley facility will bring in an estimated 3,000 workers.

Representative Frank Wolf, who organized tonight's meeting, says the agency has been willing to hear from its

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neighbors.

REP. FRANK WOLF: The CIA has been very willing to talk to the citizens. The citizens have been very reasonable. This meeting tonight will be the second meeting to get everybody together whereby we can all be operating from the same information. And both sides have expressed willingness to kinda work this thing out. And I'm very confident that we can.

ALTHAGE: The CIA estimates that \$90 million of the planned expansion money will go to access road improvements. Tonight the agency's neighbors will have a chance to hear how those improvements will affect them.

Bob Althage, Eyewitness News, McLean.

PETERSON: You're going to the meeting?

GORDON BARNES: I wasn't invited. I live down the street but they didn't invite me.

GLENN BRENNER: I lost my invitation.